

THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SIXTEENTH DAY

Wednesday, 22nd March 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore,
at One of the Clock.

[**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Sri L. H. THIMMABOVI, B.A.) in the Chair].

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given.)

TOTAL LOSS OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE AS A RESULT OF INTRODUCTION OF PROHIBITION.

*Q.—11. Sri M. RAMAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of places where toddy shops were running in the State (including the integrated areas) immediately before the introduction of prohibition ;

(b) the total number of prohibition cases filed under the various sections of the Mysore, Bombay and Hyderabad or any other Prohibition Act which is in force in the State, for the current year ;

(c) the total loss of revenue to the State as a result of introduction of prohibition ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Excise, Prohibition and Rural Industries).—

(a) 1908 shops in various areas.

| (b) <i>Illicit Distillation</i> | <i>Smuggling Possession</i> | <i>Drunkenness</i> | <i>Total</i> |
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| 9,749 | 29,503 | 37,976 | 77,228. |

(c) Rs. 2,36,00,000 per annum, approximately.

†Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I may be permitted to make a slight correction in reply to (a). It is 3001 instead of 1908.

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I know whether the number of offences you have given are for only 3 months in 1960-61 ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Beginning from 1st January 1960 to 31st December 1960.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I know whether the number of offences is decreasing or increasing year by year ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—In that case I have to compare with the last year and year before last year figures. Then only I can say.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—From the general knowledge of the Minister, may I know whether the number of offences are increasing or decreasing ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Detection is better and our Police have been able to detect more cases and detection is on the increase.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—So, the number of offences are increasing ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not say number of offences are increasing. I say Police have been more efficient and they have been able to detect more cases. That shows the efficiency of the Police.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I know if the prohibition Board has passed a resolution to the effect that the Police are not in a position to successfully implement the scheme and it should be handed over to some other Department ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That question does not arise out of this.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—The purpose of putting this question is to know whether this scheme is successfully working or not.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The question is with regard to detection and the number of cases registered. It is not with regard to enforcement or proper enforcement of Prohibition.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—May I know the total loss of revenue if the prohibition is introduced throughout the State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The approximate extra revenue for the year 1960-61 in wet areas is Rs. 31,21,800.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—What is the total loss of revenue if prohibition is introduced in the entire State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have given the total loss in income. It works out to about Rs. 2,36,00,000 and from the wet area I have given the income. The Hon'ble Member can work it out.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—May I know the existing number of toddy shops in the State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—3001.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Are the Government aware even shops are running in the area, where prohibition has been introduced, with the help of the police ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We do not have that information.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—With reference to answer (b), out of 9749 illicit distillation may I know the number of illicit distillations in Gulburga District ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not have districtwise figures.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the major cases in which illicit distillation has been found ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have got the total figures with me. I do not have the break-up figures districtwar. So, it will be very difficult for me to say in which areas illicit distillation is rampant or in which districts it is less.

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—At the time prohibition was introduced, it was felt that the loss due to introduction of prohibition would be made up by sales tax. Sir, in the Budget that was presented a few days ago, sales tax is shown as Rs. 9 crores. Am I correct if I assume that the income from sales tax is Rs. 9 crores and the loss here is Rs. 2 crores ?

(No answer)

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is there any proposal before the Government to introduce prohibition during 1961-62 ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is our accepted policy to introduce prohibition in the State. We are going to introduce it this year also.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—According to the policy of the Government of Mysore, places where we are going to introduce prohibition will be declared.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Are we prevented from knowing those places?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We will declare them after a decision is arrived at.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is the Government aware that the Second Finance Commission had categorically stated that if any State Government wants to extend prohibition, it must be done only after ensuring equivalent revenue from fresh taxation ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Sir, it was a suggestion by the Finance Commission.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that illicit distillation is increasing from day to day ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is not illicit distillation that is increasing. As I have already told you, detection is increasing.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAN SETTY.—Is it not a fact that due to partial prohibition, prohibition is utter failure ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The Government is not prepared to accept that prohibition is utter failure in our State.

Sri C. K. RAJAIHA SETTY.—If that is the case what exactly is the reason for the failure of prohibition ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not accept the contention of the Hon'ble Member that prohibition is a failure. Therefore, this question does not arise.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Have you accepted the recommendation of the Finance Commission and if so, what are the additional proposals for fresh taxation ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It does not arise out of this question. I am concerned only with regard to revenues that are derived from wet areas and revenues we have lost by introducing prohibition in other Districts.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What was the total income from the old Mysore area before introduction of the prohibition and what is the income now in the wet area ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already given those figures. If you want them, I am prepared to produce them.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What is the total income from the excise revenue just before the introduction of prohibition in the old Mysore State and now what is the total income in the wet areas as it is now in the State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—As regards income from wet areas, I have just now supplied those figures. But so far as income from the dry areas is concerned, as Hon'ble Members know, that prohibition was not introduced all of a sudden in all the districts of the old Mysore State. It was introduced in stages. If they want to know about the revenues about a particular district, then I will supply that information.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What is the total amount of revenue now realised from the wet areas ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already replied to that question. But I do not have the brake up for the figures of each district.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—May I know the total quantity of toddy that was tapped and consumed before introduction of prohibition and after ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I require notice.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Will the Government conduct a survey in this respect just to see whether it is successful or failure ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is difficult to answer that question.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—How the Government plead that it is a successful scheme without knowing the statistics about the consumption of the toddy ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I am quite unable to understand the Hon'ble Member. I do not know in what way and how we can assess the quantity of toddy that was consumed at the time of introduction of prohibition in the district. It is difficult to supply that information.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—May I know whether the Government is not aware that they are collecting sales tax on toddy?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Is it from dry district?

Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.—Is in Government ware that a large number of cases are detected by the police with the connivance of the Medical Practitioners just to show that the number of cases they have launched in a particular year is more?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That is not correct.

Dr. A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—Is there any proposal before the Government to introduce prohibition throughout the State in 1960-61?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already told that we have yet to take a decision. But this much I can say that we are going to introduce prohibition in some areas this time in the year 1960-61; we will take a decision and make an announcement at the appropriate time.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—What may be the percentage of villages where the illicit distillation is going on?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I can give percentage of population or the area covered by prohibition, but I cannot give the percentage of villages where illicit distillation is going on.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—I want to know roughly the percentage of villages in the dry areas?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I cannot give figures about the percentage of village, but so far as area covered by prohibition is 77.6 per cent and the population covered by prohibition, it is 73.6 per cent.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Roughly I want to know the percentage of villages. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ 100 ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದರೆ, ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧವಿರುವುದು? ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ 100 ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧವಿರುವುದು?

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Sri M. RAMAPPA.—But you do not believe in what you say is correct?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We believe in what we say. But we are prepared to accept who is doing and where it is carried on if you tell us.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Supposing we are going to give a list—in Kadur Taluka which is border to my constituency, what is the suitable action the Government is going to take?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are prepared to take whatever action is deemed to be taken, provided you give us the information.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIYA.—According to reply to (c), it is stated that Rs. 2,36,00,000 is the loss in revenue, may I know on what basis you have arrived at this figure?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—The calculation is made on the basis of the income which we are getting at the time of introducing prohibition in that particular year.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMAIYA.—Is the Government aware that the loss is increasing year by year?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We cannot calculate the loss on that basis. Supposing we introduce in Chikmagalur district, for the purpose of revenue, we calculate what was the revenue at that time we were getting from that district.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the general opinion of the Central Prohibition Board is that there is need for rethinking in the matter of prohibition and it is conveyed to the State Government that further prohibition should not be extended?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no question of rethinking in the matter because it is one of the directives of the constitution and it is the accepted policy of this party to introduce prohibition. If there are any suggestions, we will consider them.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANACHAVADI HARIJAN COLONY IN CHAMARAJANAGAR TALUK.

*Q.—20. **Sri U. M. MADAPPA** (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of families actually residing in the Anachavadi Harijan colony in Chamarajanagar Taluk;

(b) the date on which the said colony was established;

(c) the amount of economic and housing grant given to each family;

(d) the action taken by the Government to fulfil the object in establishing the above colony?

A.—**Sri N. RACHAIAH** (Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare).—

(a) Nil.

(b) 19th March 1958.

(c) An economic aid of Rs. 500 per family and a subsidy of Rs. 234 per family have been sanctioned.